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Admission of students into Government Professional Colleges on district-war basis.

* 296 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to give representation to different districts of the State in the matter of admission of students to medical and other professional colleges?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" பிரதிநிதித்வம் எல்லா ஜில்லாக்களுக்கும் சமமாக கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா அல்லது சில பிற்பட்ட ஜில்லாக்களுக்கு அதிகமாகக் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On the population basis, Sir."

Reorganization of local boards.

* 297 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have constituted a Committee to examine the question of reorganizing local boards?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Not yet, Sir."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இந்த கமிட்டிக்கு இப்பொழுது இருக்கக்கூடிய ஜில்லா போர்டுகளை கலைத்து தாலூகா போர்டுகளை ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசனை தெரிவித்திருக்கிறதா ? அதைப்பற்றி கமிட்டி ஆராய்ந்துகொண்டிருகிக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" We have not yet constituted the committee. As soon as the committee is constituted, the whole matter will be examined and then we will come to conclusions."

Water-supply Scheme for Fort Cochin.

* 298 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any reply from the Government of Travancore-Cochin regarding the alternative Water-supply Scheme for Fort Cochin ; and

(*b*) if so, when the scheme will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Travancore-Cochin Government did not agree to the alternative scheme suggested by this Government for laying an independent feeder-main for taking the supply to Fort Cochin elevated

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Service Reservoir from the Thopambadi point of the Chowara Water-supply Scheme's Trunk Main, with a small Booster, if necessary. It was therefore dropped. The Travancore-Cochin Government suggested that only a comprehensive scheme for rebuilding the present system can give adequate water-supply to Fort Cochin. The matter is under correspondence with that Government.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the fact that the Travancore-Cochin Government did not agree to the Thopambadi Scheme, will this Government chalk out any new scheme of water-supply for Fort Cochin?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Sanitary Engineer has suggested that an independent scheme from Alwaye river source can be executed at a cost of Rs. 23 lakhs. But the proposal for evolving this independent scheme has been deferred, till a final decision is arrived at regarding the Chowara Water-supply Scheme. In this connection I may tell the hon. Gentleman that my gallant Colleague sitting on my right is having some high-level talk with the Finance Minister of the Travancore-Cochin State."

Permission to Board Elementary School teachers to serve as Branch Postmasters.

* 299 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Collector of Salem district issued orders during 1954 forbidding teachers under the District Board, Salem, from working as Postmasters?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes. But the Government have since issued instructions that the existing system of permitting Board Elementary School teachers to serve as Branch Postmasters may be continued."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இந்த உத்திரவு சேலத்தில் மட்டும்தானா ? அல்லது மாகாணம் பூராவுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The situation arose in Salem. But this order refers to the entire State."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" If this system is continued, will it not interfere with the ordinary teaching of children by these teachers?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir, this is an off-time work."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" I do not think that a general rule permitting the elementary school teachers to work also as postmasters will be helpful. I think it will be better if